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Re: BDAC Assurances Work Group

Dear Mary:

Since specific additional "concerns" were requested at the workshop on October 2, I will add the specific concern which North Delta Water Agency may have (depending upon the outcome) regarding the CalFed program.

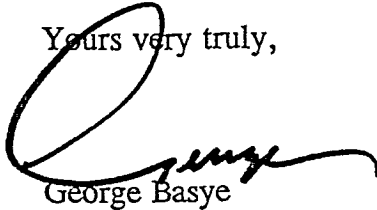
North Delta Water Agency has an agreement with the State of California Department of Water Resources, dated January 28, 1981, for the assurance of a dependable water supply of suitable quality within the boundaries of the North Delta Water Agency. The Agency comprises approximately 300,000 acres which represents all of the statutorily defined Delta within Sacramento County, Yolo County, Solano County, and a small portion of northerly San Joaquin County. That contract assures the Agency as to the nature of the water quality to be maintained within the North Delta channels at designated locations during specific times of the year. The contract also contains assurances that the State will furnish such water as may be required within the Agency to the extent not otherwise available under the water rights of water users.

Needless to say, the North Delta Water Agency assumes that nothing which will be undertaken in the CalFed Bay-Delta Program will weaken or adversely impact the contract between the State of California and North Delta Water Agency. Indeed, the Agency would assume that the commitment of the State of California would survive any such Program.

The Agency wishes, however, to call that contract to the attention of the CalFed participants, so that the North Delta Water Agency would have no concern that the Program or facilities developed under the Program would adversely impact the performance of the contract between the Agency and the

State of California described above, either in the decision as to the facilities to be installed, or in the implementation of any CalFed program.

Yours very truly,



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cc: Professor Harrison C. Dunning, Chair
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